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Dear Admiral Ring:

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The Central Intelligence Agency has carefully reviewed your request of 19 May 1950 for a series of studies on Soviet purchases of selected commodities. Subject to further elaboration of the request and to an examination of some of its assumptions, CIA feels that it can undertake to produce the studies during the current year.

It will be exceedingly useful if a meeting can be arranged at an early date at which representatives from the Munitions Board and CIA can talk over the details of this project. Arrangements for this meeting may be made through ☐ of the Publications Division of the Office of Reports and Estimates, ☐

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Sincerely,

signed & disp via ER 6/2/50

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